

Montana WIC

Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

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WIC - Building Healthy & Strong Families

To: Farm Direct Authorized Farmers

From: Bree Thompson & Carrie Reynolds

Date: March 6, 2012

Subject: Annual Training

Thank you for participating in the Montana WIC Farm Direct Program. The 2012 market season is just around the corner and we want to remind you of annual training, which is a requirement of your agreement with the MT WIC Program. Annual face-to-face training must take place each year of your three year agreement and be completed by May 31, 2012.

The training will cover policy updates and provide a review of the WIC benefit redemption process. You will receive an updated Farm Direct Handbook as well as some information about your WIC sales for the 2011 market season.

If you have already received training from your local WIC contact person this spring or the training is scheduled and has yet to occur, you are on your way to meeting the requirements. Please be aware if you, or a representative, do not attend annual training you risk having your agreement terminated.

Contact your local WIC Farm Direct staff and inquire about annual training if you have not heard from them yet. Their contact information can be found on your copy of the Farm Direct application. If you are unable to reach the local staff, please contact Bree Thompson or Carrie Reynolds at the State WIC Program at 1-800-433-4298 option 2.

This is also a good time to locate your Farm Direct stamp, eligible food list, "We Accept WIC" sign and WIC pennants. If additional copies are needed, please let us know. While we hope participating in the Farm Direct Program has been a positive experience, we realize things change and you may not plan to continue with the program. If that is the case, please return your stamp to the address at the top of this letter.

Thank you for providing locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables to Montana's families.